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UM SCHEDULES OPEN FORUMS FOR LEGAL COUNSEL CANDIDATES

MISSOULA --

The national search for a new University of Montana legal counsel has yielded five finalists who will visit the UM campus over the next few weeks.

Interested members of the local legal community and others are invited to attend open forums for the candidates: Leslie Winters, assistant vice president for university public safety at Ohio State University; David Aronofsky, an attorney in the Washington, D.C., law firm of Arent, Fox, Kintner, Plotkin & Kahn; Richard Hasselbach, assistant university counsel at State University of New York; and two members of the recently disbanded University of Southern California legal staff, Richard Hutchinson and Judith Williams.

Winters will be the first candidate to visit UM; her public forum is scheduled Friday, March 18, from 4 to 5 p.m. in the University Center Montana Rooms. At Ohio State University she manages a department with 300 employees and tasks including implementation of a community policing program. Previous positions include: director of OSU's legal and contract services; executive director of Ohio's State Personnel Board of Review; and assistant Ohio attorney general. She has a law degree from Capital University and a bachelor's from Ohio State.

Aronofsky's forum is scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, March 28, in University Center Room 114. His education law experience includes serving as legal counsel for higher education associations and institutions; serving as lead counsel in campus governance and academic freedom

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litigation; directing a desegregation plan involving two public universities; and serving as general counsel for a national organization concerned with education and access rights for people with disabilities. He holds a law degree from the University of Texas.

Hasselbach's public forum is scheduled from 4 to 5 p.m. Monday, April 4, in University Center Room 114. As assistant counsel at SUNY he advises administrators throughout the 64-campus system on legal matters, makes public presentations on legal issues that affect higher education, and represents the university in litigation and grievance arbitration. Before joining SUNY in 1990, he was legal counsel and assistant professor of business law at St. Bonaventure University. He holds a law degree from Boston College, a master's of divinity from Washington Theological Union and a bachelor's in philosophy from Siena College.

Hutchinson's forum is scheduled from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 8, in the University Center Montana Rooms. He has provided legal counsel at USC since 1984, continuing as an independent contractor after the university disbanded its legal staff last year. His responsibilities include litigation and matters involving property and construction, probate, copyright, student affairs, personnel, contracts and grievances. He holds a law degree from USC and a bachelor's from Yale University.

Williams, whose forum is set for 2:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, April 11, in the University Center Montana Rooms, was senior counsel for USC from 1979 until that office was disbanded last year. She negotiated and drafted agreements, contracts and trademark licenses; developed policies and procedures; developed international agreements concerning film, publishing and other entertainment contracts; represented the university in litigation; and put together teams for resolving disputes.

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She holds a law degree from Loyola University, a master's in history from the University of California at Santa Barbara, and a bachelor's from Emmanuel College.

The selected attorney will replace UM Counsel Joan Newman, who has resigned effective March 31.

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